

## **Psalm 11**

This Psalm contains a foreshadowing of the “fire and brimstone” in the destruction of Sodom that comes later in Genesis 19:

Psalm 11:6 - “Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.”

But we’re also reminded of the current readings. Abram’s Horror of Great Darkness is the paralyzing confrontation with his own sin, and the clear distinction between the wicked and God’s holiness. This Psalm outlines that distinction.

And God’s hatred for the wicked is in contrast to his love for “righteousness.”

The readings emphasized that Abram believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness:

Genesis 15:6 - “And he believed in the LORD; and he counted (reckoned, imputed) it to him for righteousness.”

Finally, in the same way Abram was brought out by God to observe the heavens and view the stars as a sign of God’s blessing (Genesis 15:5-6), in Psalm 11:5-7 God “trieth (examines with approval) the righteous, and his countenance “doth behold” (vs. 7 ) the upright.

Of course, Christ is the only Righteous One, and if we are “in him,” God beholds his Son, and we are accepted, in the same way Abram was.